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2013 Softball Season Plans Set

Despite the late spring, enthusiasm for the 2013 softball season is running high with qualifying tournaments just around the corner followed by state and national tournament play.

All-Star Series on Tap



The 25th Anniversary Girls High School Coaches Association All-Star Series administered by the Minnesota Sports Federation is set for Caswell Park in North Mankato on Sunday, June 9.

The event features six games played by the top 72 high school senior girls fastpitch players in the state of Minnesota. Games begin at 12:00 noon. This is the 25th year the MSF and Minnesota High School Girls Fastpitch Coaches Association have partnered to stage the event.

Softball Hall of Fame National Qualifiers



2013 sees the return of national qualifiers for the National Softball Federation's 2013 North American Championships in Sauk Rapids, MN on August 30-September 2.

The first national qualifier is on June 1-2 in Detroit Lakes, followed by Faribault on June 8-9 and Cambridge on July 13-14.

Our thanks to the three local softball associations that are hosting these events which allow men's slowpitch teams that are interested in playing in a national event to qualify early and thus make requesting time off from work and travel planning much easier.

Sauk Rapids Softball Association to Host NSF North American Championships

The Sauk Rapids Softball Association, known for conducting quality softball events, will try to pick up where the Faribault Softball Association left off last year by accepting the mantle for this year's NSF National Championships.

Men's teams qualify for the event via national qualifier and state tournament play and women's teams qualify via state tournament play.

Minnesota's teams are asked to help promote the event to teams from outside our state by forwarding the national tournament flyer to teams from outside the state they know.

NSF ♦ MSF Program Continues Broad Appeal

The NSF ♦ MSF Minnesota postseason softball tournament program last year had five times as many teams participate in it than our former affiliate and more than twice as many member umpires. League membership was thirteen times greater.

Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame

The 27th Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 25 at a southern Minnesota location to be determined. Visit msf1.org for nomination forms and information. Nominees can be team sponsors, players, managers, coaches, organizers, promoters, media, benefactors, administrators or others who have left their mark on the game!

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Girls Fastpitch Softball Leagues Back in Fold

After a one-year experiment where some leagues affiliated with our former national affiliate, most greater Minnesota girls fastpitch leagues and associations have returned to the MSF "fold" for 2013 with several expressing their dissatisfaction with the organization of state tournaments last season. Welcome back and we promise the same high level of service and organization as in the past largely due to our conscientious and professional tournament hosts!

District Softball Tournaments Eliminated

Based on survey feedback from men's softball teams, district softball tournaments have been shelved in favor of two geographic state tournaments in class EE (North and South).

New 52/300 Ball Not Met With Rave Reviews

The new 52/300 ball meant to enhance safety and cut down on home runs has not been met with rave reviews by men's slowpitch players. Any safety benefits seem to have been offset by the erratic nature of the ball's bounce. Also, the ball being so dead may result in too few home runs for the masses of players. It seems a better approach to increasing safety would be to restrict the bats thus allowing the use of a "normal" ball. This would have the added benefit of decreasing the cost of a competitive bat from \$300 to \$75 or less.

Players and league directors should watch for a survey this fall on this issue and those of you who use the 52/300 ball this year may provide us your feedback to staff@msf1.org at any time. With two Minnesota pitchers already losing sight in one eye and the number of recreational softball players decreasing, the time may have come for bifurcation in softball.

Winter Tournaments Complete

Adult and youth broomball, basketball and volleyball tournaments are now complete with results featured in this issue of the Review. Our thanks to the Schwan's Superrink, Redwood Falls Parks and Recreation, Hutchinson Parks and Recreation, St. Cloud State Recreational/Intramural Sports Department, Monticello Community Ed, Austin Parks and Recreation and Rochester National Volleyball Center for the provision of excellent facilities and assistance for adult and state tournament play.



North American Softball Championships

3 Game Guarantee • \$350

August 30 - September 2, 2013 • Sauk Rapids, MN

Awards

- Team and individual plaques to first place team in all divisions. Second and third place teams receive team plaque
- Champion prizes to first place team in top division

Registration and Eligibility

- Registration deadline is August 21, 2013
- Registration on first come/first served basis for teams outside the state of Minnesota including Canada and other foreign countries. **MN teams must qualify via state qualifiers or state tournament play.**
- No team membership fee required
- Roster limit of 20. Two pick-ups from same class or lower are allowed

Rules and Details

- **Three games guaranteed with many getting five or six games**
- Divisions of Play: C, DD-D, EE-E
- Teams split into tier play from bracket play. Tournament management reserves the right to move a team up.
- Monday, September 2nd play only if necessary
- NSF rules utilized. All teams receive NSF rulebook upon entry.
- NSF rules similar to others except 12' arc, 65' bases, courtesy runner and 6' pitcher step back rule
- Official ball is 44/375. Balls and ball shaggers provided.
- Umpires NSF certified

Tournament Host

Sauk Rapids is located one hour northwest of the Twin Cities. Sauk Rapids features some of the finest fields in the state of MN and boasts all the food choices normally found in a larger city while maintaining its small town atmosphere!

Visit NSFSoftball.org for all tournament details

MINNESOTA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME TRADITION STATE/NATIONAL FINALS QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS 2013



Your team is invited to participate in the 28th Annual Softball Hall of Fame Tradition tournaments!

Division	Date	Team Eligibility Area	Site
C/DD/D/EE Men's Slow	June 1-2	North America	Detroit Lakes
C/DD/D/EE Men's Slow	June 8-9	North America	Faribault
C/DD/D/EE Men's Slow	July 13-14	North America	Cambridge

ENTRY FEE:

\$175.00 - C-EE Slow National Tournament Qualifier
(Note: for June 8-9 Lucky 7 money tournament entry fee is \$200.00 and teams hit the same brand and spec ball sold at the tournament site)

ENTRY DEADLINE:

Friday at 4:30 PM seven days prior to the tournament. First come first serve.

ELIGIBILITY:



- See above **Team Eligibility Area** column for geographical area teams are eligible from.
Note: Teams winning berths that emanate from MN non-MSF member leagues must register their league in order to exercise their option on the berth.
- Teams must enter the same or higher classification as they are registered in. Teams playing in non member MSF leagues must consult MSF offices on their team class conversion prior to entering.
- Teams qualifying for a national tournament berth must play in their respective state tournament or forfeit their berth.

PLAYING RULES:

NSF-MSF playing rules apply (includes use of homerun rules for Men's Divisions).

TOURNAMENT DRAW:

All pairings will be a true draw. If avoidable, teams will not play other teams from their own league in the first round.



STRUCTURE:

Double Elimination - two game guarantee. First 8-16 teams to enter each division will be accepted. **Note:** Double letter and single letter classes in the same level; i.e. DD/D may be combined if insufficient numbers exist to conduct separate tournaments. Also, tournament may be held in one day, Saturday or Sunday, if insufficient numbers exist for a two day.

ROSTER LIMIT:

20 players (no pick up players allowed).

GAME BALLS:

Game balls will be available for purchase at the tournament site. Teams must hit the same spec game ball as the one sold at the tournament site. Detroit Lakes = Worth, Faribault = Dudley, Cambridge = Starr (all balls are 44/375, red stitch, optic yellow).

GAME OFFICIALS:

NSF-MSF registered officials shall be utilized on all contests.

AWARDS:



- NSF-MSF one-half paid tournament berth to champion and unpaid to runnerup for NSF North American Championship Finals in C,DD,D,EE men's slow. (Unpaid Men's State berth to champion) (One-half paid and unpaid berth's may be adjusted if less than eight teams enter a specific class).

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MINNESOTA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME TRADITION STATE/NATIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

2013

(Continuation of Flyer)



- AWARDS (Continued):**
- MVP jacket awarded to one player on each first place team.
 - Championship banner to each first place team.
 - One dozen softballs to first & second place team.
 - Sponsor, plaque for first, second, and third place in tournaments of eight teams or more. First & second in tournaments of seven teams or less.



Note: Awards and berths are subject to adjustment based on number of entries and tourney format.
Note: Due to the expense allowance given out in the Lucky 7 berths are not one-half paid and there are no awards except team banner and MVP jacket.

TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- | | |
|--|---|
| * First Class Fields and Field Maintenance | * State/National Qualifying Tournament |
| * Top Notch Game Officiating | * Percentage of proceeds donated to the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame |
| * Excellent Concessions Available | * Hall of Fame Tradition memorabilia items on sale |



Clip and Mail



☆☆☆☆ HALL OF FAME TRADITION ENTRY FORM ☆☆☆☆

Team Name _____ Softball Community _____ E Mail _____

Team Manager _____ Phone H-() _____ W-() _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I hereby certify that _____ is a class _____ MSF team in good standing
Team Name _____ Class _____

with the sports community _____ participating in the _____
Sports Community _____ League Name _____

Circle Division you are entering: Men's Slow

Circle Class you are entering: C DD D EE (Must match that designated by league director)

Note: Teams emanating from a non MSF member league or another state, must play one-half to one class higher than they have been classified by their league director. Contact NSF-MSF offices for proper placement.

Circle Date you are entering: June 1-2 June 8-9 July 13-14

(One date per form please)

Manager's Signature: _____ Date: _____



Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Credit Card Number (16 Digits): _____

Month/Year Expiration _____ (Cannot be processed without expiration date)

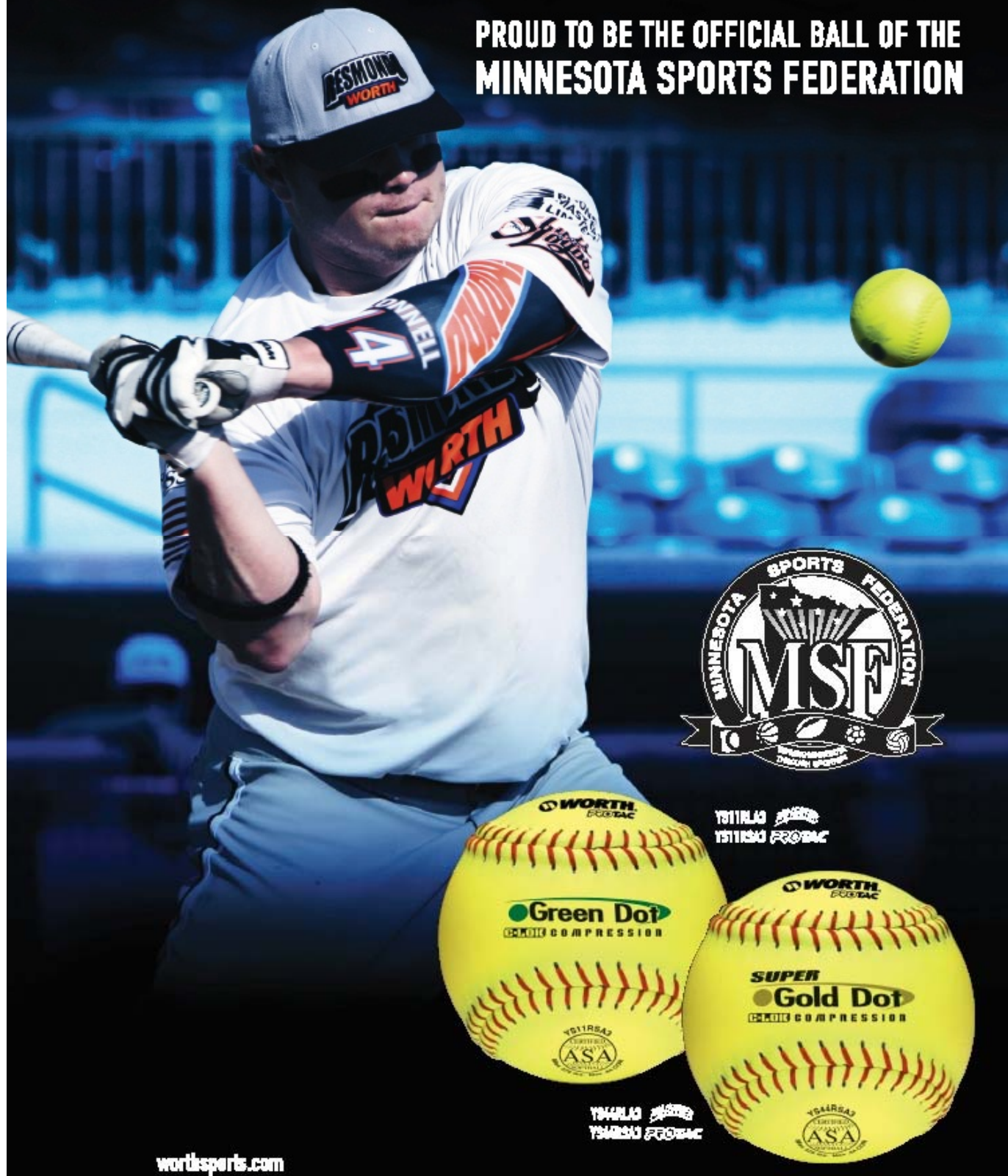
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**Send entry form and remittance to (a \$5.00 convenience fee will be added to credit card payments):
MSF Tradition * PO Box 368 * Big Lake, MN 55309 FAX (763) 263-5657
ONCE AN ENTRY FORM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND A POSITION RESERVED THERE IS NO REFUND**

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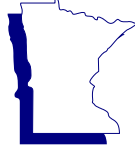


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**2013 ADULT
SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**



☆☆ **State/National Tournament Qualifiers** ☆☆

Division	Date	Site
Men's Slowpitch	June 1-2	Detroit Lakes
Men's Slowpitch	June 8-9	Faribault
Men's Slowpitch	July 13-14	Cambridge

(see Program Guide for details)

☆☆ **State Tournaments** ☆☆

Tournament	Date	Site	Tournament	Date	Site
Tier I & II Church Slow	July 26-28	Cambridge	EE Men's Slowpitch-N	August 9-11	Detroit Lakes
B & C Men's Masters (35) SP	July 26-28	Cambridge	EE Men's Slowpitch-S	August 9-11	Stewartville
A/B/C/D Co-Rec Slowpitch	August 2-4	Austin	E Men's Slowpitch	August 16-18	Fosston
B Men's Fastpitch	August 3-4	Mankato	C Women's Slow	August 16-18	Hutchinson
C/D Men's Fastpitch	August 9-11	Mankato	DD Women's Slow	August 16-18	Hutchinson
C Men's Slowpitch	August 9-11	Stacy	D Women's Slow	August 16-18	Monticello
DD Men's Slowpitch-N	August 9-11	Stacy	EE Women's Slow	August 16-18	Monticello
DD Men's Slowpitch-S	August 9-11	Faribault	Men's Modified Pitch	August 16-18	Hollywood
D Men's Slowpitch-N	August 9-11	Bemidji	Men's Masters (40) Fastpitch	August 24	Hollywood
D Men's Slowpitch-S	August 9-11	Faribault			

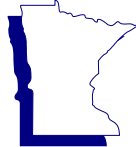
☆☆☆ **NSF North American Softball Championships** ☆☆☆

Division	Date	Site
Men's Slowpitch	August 30-September 2	Sauk Rapids
Women's Slowpitch	August 30-September 2	Sauk Rapids

☆☆ **Fall State Tournaments** ☆☆

Division	Date	Site
Co-Rec Slowpitch	September 21-22	Rogers
Men's Slowpitch	September 27-29	Sauk Rapids

**2013 YOUTH
SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**



☆☆ **Special Events** ☆☆

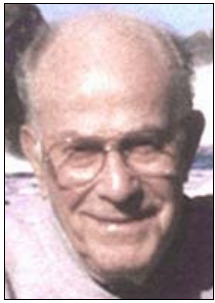
<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Site</i>
Minnesota High School All-Star Series	June 9	North Mankato

☆☆ **State Tournaments** ☆☆

<i>Tournament</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Site</i>
B 18 Girls Fastpitch	July 12-14	Metro Area
B 16 Girls Fastpitch	July 12-14	Metro Area
B 14 Girls Fastpitch	July 12-14	Metro Area
B 12 Girls Fastpitch	July 12-14	Metro Area
B 10 Girls Fastpitch	July 12-14	Metro Area
C 18 Girls Fastpitch	July 19-21	Monticello
C 16 Girls Fastpitch	July 19-21	Stewartville
C 14 Girls Fastpitch	July 19-21	Austin
C 12 Girls Fastpitch	July 19-21	Austin
D 16 Girls Fastpitch	July 26-28	Cloquet
D 14 Girls Fastpitch	July 26-28	Cloquet
REC 14 Girls Fastpitch	July 26-28	Sauk Rapids
REC 12 Girls Fastpitch	July 26-28	Sauk Rapids



Remembering Earl Kommer



Earl D. Kommer, 85, of Lake Park, died Monday, November 5, 2012, in Sanford Health, Fargo, surrounded by his family.

Earl was born to Walter and Mabel (Getman) Kommer on September 2, 1927 in Dilworth. He grew up and attended school in Dilworth, graduating in 1945.

Earl enlisted in the United States Marines in 1945, and was honorably discharged in 1946. He then attended Dakota Business College for one year.

Earl then purchased numerous cattle trucks and hauled cattle in and out of the West Fargo Stockyard for many years. He then worked as a sports writer for the Red River Scene in Moorhead, before working as a bookkeeper for Smith, Follett and Crowell clothing distributors in Fargo. Earl retired after managing the Lake Park VFW and American Legion for a short time.



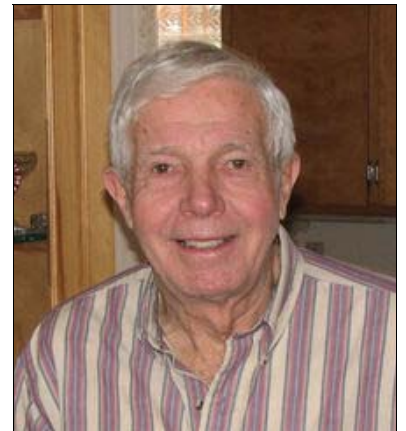
In 1990, Earl was inducted into the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame after 60 years of playing softball and managing softball tournaments. Earl also enjoyed hunting, fishing and training field trial dogs.

Surviving Earl are his sons, Toby (Michelle) Kommer of Fargo, Russ (Diane Carver) Kommer of Fargo and Brad (Shawnette) Kommer of West Fargo; two daughters, Lisa (Jason Curfman) Okke of Fargo and Cindy (Grant) Henderson of Crescent City, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Remembering Paul Grass

Paul Grass passed away on May 8, 2013 at the age of 87. Paul was born in Owatonna on July 23, 1925 to Albert and Freda (Lussenhop) Grass. He attended St. Mary's School through 8th grade and then transferred to Owatonna High School. After graduation, he worked on his parent's farm until he enlisted in the army. He served in Okinawa where, during his free time, he was fortunate enough to play fast-pitch softball on the All-Star Team, which went on to the Philippine Islands to compete in the All-Service Tournament. He was discharged in 1947 and returned to Owatonna where he

was united in marriage with Shirley Ochs on September 29, 1951 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He was employed by Shel-lane Bottle Gas, which later became Great Plains Gas and where he worked the rest of his career. He retired in 1989.



Upon his return to Owatonna, Paul was signed by the Owatonna Aces, the local baseball team for whom he played center field and catcher. He played in 12 state tournaments. Later, he coached softball and was adored as coach of the OMC Mustangs Junior Girls Softball team. He led them to several state tournaments and two state championships. One of the highlights that resulted from his ball-playing days was his induction into the Softball Hall of Fame in 1988. In 2000, Paul reached another shining moment when he was invited to compete in the Men's Senior Softball World Championship Tournament held in Winnipeg, Canada. Paul was also a great bowler and in 2006 he was inducted into the Owatonna Bowling Hall of Fame.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Freda, his brothers, Eugene, Earl and Richard and sister, Louanne Boeke. He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley, and children Tom (Evelyn) Grass of Dove Canyon, California, Ron (Cindy) Grass of Eden Prairie, Nancy Jech of Owatonna, Sharon (Randy) Mott of Maplewood and Mike (Darlis) Grass of Burnsville, as well as seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Minnesota High School Girls All-Star Softball Series



25th Anniversary
June 9, 2013
Caswell Park
North Mankato
12:00PM & 2:00PM



The All-Star Series: A Showcase of Talent!

The All-Star Softball Series is co-sponsored by the Minnesota Sports Federation and the Minnesota High School *Fastpitch* Softball Coaches Association to highlight and promote girls' athletics.

The All-Star Series features 72 of the state's best senior softball players and twelve outstanding high school coaches.

The 72 All-Stars are selected from over 15,000 girls who play high school softball in Minnesota. The selections are made by the Minnesota High School *Fastpitch* Softball Coaches Association.

The All-Stars are selected to represent all graduating seniors and are recognized as Minnesota's premier softball players.

The All-Star Series includes a breakfast banquet for the players, coaches, umpires, staff, Hall of Fame inductees and volunteers as well as opening ceremonies, six games and closing ceremonies.

The six teams (Blizzard, Breeze, Ice, Thunder, Heat, Lightning) play a total of six games at Caswell Park in Mankato the first Sunday following the high school state tournament.

The MSF and MFCA awards three \$500 scholarships during the All-Star Series. A scholarship is awarded to one 3A All-Star, one 2A All-Star and one 1A All-Star.

The Minnesota Sports Federation is a nonprofit organization conducting amateur sports activities in the state of Minnesota. The MSF serves as the local affiliate of the National Softball Federation. The MSF conducts summer and fall softball programs.

The All-Star Series has been approved by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The All-Star rules require all participants to be high school seniors and the All-Stars retain their eligibility for participation in college athletics.

The All-Star Series would not be possible without assistance from MSF, the Minnesota High School *Fastpitch* Softball Coaches Association and the Minnesota business community.

Thank you to all who have contributed their resources to make the All-Star Series a success!

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MSF Youth Baseball Preview

2013 marks 25th Anniversary for MSF State Championships

The 2013 season will be the 25th Anniversary MSF Baseball State Championships, which will be held on July 26-28. Each year thousands of participants benefit from the Minnesota Sports Federation Baseball Program and learn valuable life skills including goal setting, teamwork, discipline, and good sportsmanship. The MSF State Championships have grown steadily over this time period. Hundreds of teams also compete at MSF State Qualifiers any given weekend in May and June with hopes of advancing to the state tournament. The success of our tournaments can be attributed to the quality facilities, umpires, and tournament staff utilized by the MSF.

How to enter the MSF State Championships

Teams can enter the MSF State Championships by earning a bid at a state qualifier tournament or by being accepted as an at-large team. State qualifier tournaments are held throughout the state in May and June. First and second place teams will qualify for state tournament berths. See msf1.org for a complete list of qualifiers and qualifier details. Teams can also apply for one of the limited number of at-large berths by submitting an at-large berth application found in the MSF Baseball Guidebook or online.



Age/Class	Site
10-Under AAA	Rosemount
10-Under AA	Rosemount
11-Under AAA	Mankato
11-Under AA	Mankato
12-Under AAA	Owatonna
12-Under AA	Owatonna
13-Under AAA	St. Cloud
13-Under AA	Marshall
14-Under AAA	Big Lake
14-Under AA	Austin
15-Under AAA	Farmington
15-Under AA	Farmington



Austin Riverland Baseball Complex (site of 14AA MSF State Tournament)

Important Dates to Remember	
May - June	Weekend Qualifier Tournaments
June 1st	1st day to apply for at-large berth
July 1st	Deadline to enter MSF State Championships
July 1st	Last day to apply for at-large berth
July 26-28	MSF State Championships

Questions? Contact Steve at steve@msf1.org or 952-405-6936



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ASK COACH WOLFF

What if your son or daughter doesn't want to play organized sports any more?

Doug Abrams | September 15, 2011

About ten years ago, the parents of one of my 10-year-old hockey players asked to talk with me after practice one night. Their son was a beginner and not one of the most talented players on the team, but he was everything a youth leaguer should be — a polite kid who tried his best, took instruction well, and got along with his coaches and teammates. No coach could have asked anything more from him or his sportsmanlike, supportive family. With this sterling track record, I assumed that the conversation with the parents would concern something about my coaching.

My coaching hunches are usually pretty good, but not this time.

The parents told me that their son had decided that he did not want to play hockey any more, and indeed did not want to play sports any more. The boy would honor his commitment to the team by finishing the last few weeks of the season, but he said that he wanted to turn to other interests afterwards.

The parents were not thoroughly surprised because the boy had not enjoyed youth baseball the prior summer, but they hoped for a change of heart. Both parents had been high school athletes in a town that emphasized sports, and they assumed that their son would follow the same path. They recognized, though, that the decision rested with the boy.

When the parents sought my reaction, I began by saying that with time and breathing space, their son might well change his mind before long because 10-year-olds often move from hobby to hobby until they settle on one or more. Many kids play sports to be with their friends, for example, so I thought he might return to sports later if his friends continued playing. One way or the other, 10 years old seems mighty young to assume that the door is shut permanently.

I also suggested that the parents talk with their son to try to find out his reasons for wanting to turn away from sports. Perhaps he did not think he was talented enough, though I thought that his talent level showed promise. Perhaps he had bad experiences in youth baseball (or on the hockey team). If a youngster wants to talk at home about problems in sports, sometimes they can be corrected.

Pressure to Play

Then I made two additional points that the rest of this column discusses. First, I said that organized sports is not for all boys and girls, even though the nation's emphasis on professional and amateur sports can impose considerable pressure on youngsters to play. Second, I told the parents that even if their son did not return to organized sports by his teen years, pressuring him to play now might later lead him to reject recreational "carry over" sports — play for its own sake — that can help sustain a healthy lifestyle throughout adulthood.

The Nation's Emphasis on Sports

In 1976, writer James A. Michener observed that "[s]ports have become a major force in American life." If anything, the force has grown even stronger in recent years with the unprecedented saturation of professional and amateur sports in the broadcast and print media, and more recently on the Internet. Newspapers, conventional radio,

and network television now coexist with (and frequently face eclipse by) all-sports radio stations, cable and satellite television channels, interactive blogs, and other outlets that provide instantaneous around-the-clock games.

Beginning at the youngest ages, our national emphasis on sports can lead children and their parents to perceive exploits on the field as the preeminent markers of success, sometimes at the expense of excellence in non-athletic pursuits. Sports was important to me when I played in high school and college, and I coached youth hockey for more than 40 years. But parents should remain tolerant of sons and daughters who choose to express themselves outside the athletic arena. Success in sports should be a source of pride, but so should success in worthwhile non-athletic pursuits.

The United States has about 73 million children under the age of 18, and the best estimates are that about 35 million children — slightly less than half — participate each year on at least one organized sports team. Even when we exclude children under five or so from the ranks of the non-participants, the numbers suggest that for one reason or another, many youngsters do not play organized sports, or else do not play for very long before they turn to other activities.

Sports can teach valuable life lessons, but so can worthwhile non-athletic activities that youngsters choose for themselves. No child should be made to feel like an outcast for making these choices. I predicted to my hockey player's parents that their personable, respectful son would thrive along whatever paths he followed, even ones distant from competitive sports.

Carryover Sports

The current obesity epidemic will not improve in later years unless more adults assume a healthy lifestyle by embracing carry over sports such as bicycling, tennis, jogging, golf and recreational volleyball. I told my hockey player's parents that cajoling the boy into playing unwanted competitive sports now might diminish his long term appreciation for athletics as pure play. Supporting his non-athletic choices now might have precisely the opposite effect.

A Happy Ending

Spurning youth sports may be a difficult pill for some parents to swallow at first, but my former hockey player did find other activities that he found rewarding. His choices were art and orchestra, and he stayed with both and did well at them.

He will finish college next year with a solid academic record and promising career prospects. He tells me that he often uses his university's gym and recreation center, and he tells me that his golf game is respectable too.

A youth sports career could have instilled important values and produced lasting memories, but my former player thrived in the activities he chose for himself. Organized sports simply was not for him, and he is fortunate that his parents respected and supported the choices he continued to make throughout his adolescence.

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More coaches in favor of multi-sport athletes

By Kary Booher, Springfield News-Leader | January 6, 2013

The collaborative effort between local high school football and wrestling coaches also gets at the heart of a years-long, underlying effort. That is, to combat youths specializing in one sport and dropping all others.

"We've fought specialization even before the kids get to our high school coaches," said Mark Fisher, athletic director of Springfield Public Schools. "I've never thought that was a good thing. I tell parents, 'Hey, let kids be kids.' Whichever sports their kid is in as a fifth- or sixth-grader, that may change as they get older."

Not afraid to speak up about this topic is Nixa wrestling coach Dustin Martin, whose team includes 6-foot-2, 152-pound starter Gunner Harris, who probably would have been a bench-warmer on the basketball team.

"This is such a predominately basketball area, but a lot of people get the impression we're trying to make it a wrestling area," in just discussing this topic, Martin said. "I don't think it has to be a wrestling area. Actually, I think it'd be foolish to try to make it the wrestling corner of the state."

But coaches need to continue to urge athletes to try other sports, including wrestling, Martin said.

Among the local football coaches who urge teens to try multiple sports - and advocates his players join the wrestling team - is Glendale's Tyler Overstreet, who points to his time as an assistant for football coach Doug Smith at Rogersville.

Rogersville won a state championship in 2011, doing so with Joe Zimmer at running back and linebacker. Zimmer was an all-state football player and twice a state champion wrestler. He is attending the University of Nebraska on a wrestling scholarship.

"I just think going out for any sport, it makes them more competitive and instills more values," Overstreet said. "Wrestling is a great example of that. If they got out and lose, they can't blame anyone but themselves. It's very humbling and teaches them who they are."

Kickapoo wrestling coach Bill Buckley, now in his 10th season and who also is an assistant football coach, says: "I think (wrestling's) proven that wrestlers become better football players. For the kids, it's tough to get that competition in the weight room."

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U.S. launches study into concussions in youth sports

By Ian Simpson, Reuters | January 8, 2013

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government Monday launched a sweeping study of rising sports-related concussions among young people amid concerns that the injuries may have contributed to the suicides of professional football players.

The Institute of Medicine, part of the National Academies of Science, will delve into sports-related concussions from elementary school through early adulthood.

The study will include military personnel and their dependents and review concussions and risk factors.

The study, one of the most extensive ever done, will be scrutinized by Americans worried about brain injuries in sports, said Robert Graham, head of the panel conducting the study.

"You start talking about, 'Is it safe for Sally to be playing soccer?,' you get lots of public interest," Graham, a public health expert at George Washington University in Washington, said after the committee's first meeting.

He said the panel likely would submit its report to the Institute of Medicine this summer, with publication expected in late 2013.

A 2010 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found U.S. emergency rooms yearly treat 173,000 temporary brain injuries related to sports or recreation among people younger than 19.

The number of emergency room visits for such injuries rose 60 percent in the previous decade among children and adolescents, the CDC study showed.

A 2007 study showed that the incidence of brain injury was highest in football and girls soccer.

About 2,000 former National Football League players sued the league last year, alleging it concealed the risk of brain injury from players while marketing the ferocity of the game.

Concerns about a possible link between concussions and mental illnesses, such as depression, have grown in the past decade in the wake of the suicides of former NFL players Dave Duerson, Ray Easterling, Junior Seau and Andre Waters. Duerson left a request that he wanted his brain examined after his death.

Participants at the committee's meeting said there was a shortage of data on sports-related concussions among young people. The number of relevant brains available for study is in the single digits, and many studies lack breakdowns by age.

Sponsors of the study include the Department of Defense, the CDC and the National Institutes of Health.

The panel will also examine studies being done by the CDC and the American Academy of Neurology.

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TO LIVE IS TO LOSE, SO IT HELPS TO KNOW HOW

This is where sports and sportsmanship come in.

By KEVIN A. KETO, Star Tribune | April 12, 2013

The gym was empty except for three coaches and three hopeful athletes. The three walk-ons, competing for the final roster spot on a Big East men's college basketball team, had already completed shooting, ball handling and defensive drills. The head coach gathered them at midcourt and explained that the next drill would be based on a game scenario.

"Your teammate," he explained, "makes a lay up and draws a foul. The opposing coach immediately calls time out. You are sitting in the last seat on our bench. When I blow the whistle, demonstrate how you would react and how you would greet your teammates as they jog towards the bench."

Athletics, especially team sports, provide opportunities for young athletes to develop life skills — traits that transcend the gym. The same qualities that make a great point guard — dedication, unselfishness, discipline, strong communication skills, passion and a willingness to work — just so happen also to make a great friend, spouse, parent, coworker, neighbor and global citizen.

There is arguably no better place for young men and women to hone these skills than the gym or playing field, an engaging and safe environment to take risks, get feedback and see firsthand what it takes to succeed.

Yet "success," if defined by winning, was only experienced on the final day of the season by, for example, two of the 63 boys' basketball teams in Minnesota's Class 4A — Apple Valley and Edina. That means 61 teams in Class 4A ended their season in failure.

As an assistant high school coach and avid basketball fan, I watched a dozen or so of those final failures this year. Yet I saw all of those players, some with flowing tears and limping legs, shake hands with their opponents. I saw boys becoming young men as they applauded a superior team, collected their belongings and hobbled with their broken dreams back to their locker rooms.

Little do these young men know that they just experienced one of life's most common events — losing. Statistics suggest that in a time of recession, the average job seeker participates in 17 interviews before being offered a position. How can we possibly prepare ourselves to withstand that type of difficulty? How can we possibly continue to be loving spouses, caring friends, supportive parents and productive citizens while giving our best and failing 16 consecutive times?

It's not just the business world where losing is relevant. Perhaps I am an oddity, but 100 percent of my friends have failed to attain their dream homes, their perfect bodies, their ideal lifestyles and the power to keep their loved ones alive forever.

If loss and failure occur everywhere, everyday, why have so many parents decided that their sons or daughters deserve to escape it? Since when has being the fourth player off the bench become a failure that no 17-year-old should ever have to endure? Since when has losing 15 games in a season become an excuse to send heinous late-night e-mails to unsuspecting coaches? What have athletics come to when the family of a "demoted" starter badmouths the teammate who took his spot as they sit around a dinner table?

Contrary to what some might believe, coaches do not congregate in their offices and decide how they can inflict the most emotional damage to the young athletes with whom they've chosen to spend three months. Nor do they make decisions about playing time with a goal to embarrass or belit-

tle the same young men and women for whom they're writing letters of recommendations. And they certainly don't hatch evil plans to select seniors for the team with the intent to coerce them into raising funds to be spent on underclassmen.

The vast majority of coaches make well-thought-out decisions that are intended to benefit the greater good of the team. Do they always make the right decisions? No — and neither do parents. The difference is that parents have suddenly been given a green light to publicly and privately harangue the efforts of a coach — often undermining their child's enjoyment of the sport — while a coach must accept the attack as "feedback" and attempt to mend the player-coach relationship.



Illustration: Sports fans. Ron Borresen, Bradenton Herald/MCT

My mother has always said, "If a mom didn't think her kid was the best, nobody would." Every young athlete deserves a mother and/or father who tells them they are the best. But if parents were half as committed to facilitating their children's personal growth as they are to monitoring playing time and coaching errors, teams could actually demonstrate teamwork, athletes could feel good about their efforts, players could trust and respect their teammates and coaches — and at the end of the day each kid could sit around a dinner table and feel like a star.

The culture of high school sports is in the midst of a dramatic shift. Sit among the fans at a game, a booster club meeting or an end-of-the-year banquet, and it will become alarmingly obvious that youth athletics are becoming an investment — of money, time and pride — and parents are going to expect a return.

Unfortunately for such parents, fundraising doesn't buy minutes on the court, chauffeuring youngsters to tournaments across the metro for nine years doesn't guarantee championships, and sending a child to offseason workouts doesn't earn them anything except an opportunity to improve, to stay or get fit, and to do what youngsters should do with their friends — have fun.

Back at the tryouts, the gym suddenly echoed with the loudest holler it had ever heard. A young man landed with a two-foot thud. Jumping as high as he could three more times, he gave two high fives and sprinted 15 yards before finishing with an air-born chest bump to an incoming teammate.

The role-playing ended there. Smiling, the head coach tossed a jersey to the young man and said, "Son, that is what this team needs."

I didn't witness this event. But when the phone rang and an excited voice exclaimed, "I'm on the team," it didn't sound like a prospector hoping for a big return on his investment. It sounded like a young man who had earned an opportunity to play a game he loves with a bunch of his buddies.

Kevin A. Keto, of St. Paul is a teacher and coach.

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Tips for Leagues That Must Maintain Their Facilities

By Guest Columnist Paul Zwaska, Recreation Management Magazine | March 2013

I've spent the past 10 years helping a Little League in Wisconsin improve their facilities. In doing so, we have greatly strengthened the health and the organization of the league. Much of what we have done can easily be replicated by most any organization. But it all comes down to having a board of directors interested in making the league and its facility the best it can be. It requires people with good organizational skills, good operational skills and at least one person who is the dreamer. Someone to look out into the future and imagine what is possible for an organization to achieve.

Good Leadership

Too often, leagues are run by boards that are pretty transient. Board members come and go frequently as their kids become involved but then grow out of the league. Many times, some of these members are only serving on the board for their own personal reasons, i.e., their own child.



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But a board must serve the common good for the entire league. What I have found to be most successful is having the majority of the board made up of people who no longer have kids in the program. They provide stability in the organization as they serve more for the community than for their own child. They tend to stay involved for longer periods of time, making it easier to stay on course with long-term planning. It is OK to have a percentage of that board made up of current parents of players, but if possible, I would recommend trying to keep that level at 50 percent or less.

Get Organized

A league must be run like a business. And a good business knows where its money is coming from and where it is going to. If your league doesn't have a budget yet, then it is time to get busy and make one. Without a budget, it is pretty hard to plan for future upgrades to the league and its facility. The more detailed the budget, the easier it is to plan for the future. Our league was not operating under a budget when I joined. Now we have full control of costs and can clearly plan expenses. A couple of budget lines we find useful are emergency funds and facility upgrades. We can put defined revenue into the proper budget category, thereby helping it to become reality..

Have a Long-Range Plan

A long-range plan sets the tone for the organization. It creates targets to aim for. As you achieve each target, it gives the organization a sense of accomplishment. It proves to the membership that the organization is moving forward. And as you achieve each target, that project is crossed off the list and you begin to set your sights for the next target. The long-range plan should be a three- to five-year living document that is revisited once a year to ensure that priorities are in proper alignment. These targets can be moved as priorities or needs change. This is a crucial steering document for an organization. No more flying from the seat of your pants.

Healthy Revenue Streams

When I first enlisted my son into the Little League I would later get involved with, I was shocked at how cheap it was. They were charging a low price for the opportunity for kids to play, but in exchange, they allowed the fields and facility to fall into some disrepair.

Here's a newsflash: Parents want to send their kids to nice facilities, and they are willing to pay what is reasonable. As long as parents see that your organization is putting money back into the facility and it is improving, you will rarely get complaints about increasing registration costs, as long as the fees are within reason.

Registration revenue now accounts for almost 50 percent of total revenue for the organization. Because of our detailed budgeting, we are able to use scholarships to pay for families who can't afford the registration fee. No child who is interested in playing in our league is ever turned away. In fact, we provide between 70 and 100 full and partial scholarships a year at our facility.

Concessions sales account for 26 percent of total revenue. Just like in professional ballparks, concessions are a key part of fundraising. A captive audience gets hungry and thirsty. It's an easy sell, and a good concessions manager can optimize your sales with timely specials, reasonable profit margins and a good variety of quality food during the long season. Concessions can keep things fresh with new ideas and opportunities available for increasing revenues.

Fundraising accounts for 22 percent of our revenue stream. We use several smaller fundraising events throughout the year, and when their revenues are added together at the end, they amount to a sizable revenue stream. Most of this money is budgeted toward standard operational expenses. For larger projects requiring greater funding, a separate plan needs to be drafted, spelling out the scope of the project, what it will cost and how the funding will be raised. Be prepared to have at least 50 percent of those you approach for donations say no. Don't take that personally; the project just didn't fit their interests. When you do get larger donations, celebrate the victory and use that feeling to channel your energy forward until your goal is reached. Use a four-pronged attack to raising the money by approaching charitable foundations, local businesses, league alumni and current membership.

Back in 2002, 815 kids were playing in the program. The organization was working with yearly revenue of just under \$150,000. Ten years later, 1,708 kids were able to enjoy Little League at our facility, and our gross revenue for the organization in 2012 was \$480,000. Over the past 10 years, more than \$600,000 in facility upgrades have occurred, and we are currently in a capital campaign to raise \$1.7 million for some larger facility projects.

I remember the day back in 2002 when our Little League board scoffed at me after I presented my first 10-page long-range plan to increase our revenues and improve the facility. They didn't believe it could be done. Sometimes, it just takes a dreamer and some organization. That famous line is true, "If you build it, they will come."

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Youth Basketball State Championships

Youth Basketball Wrap-up

By Steve Ketter, Program Administrator

The 25th Annual MSF Youth Basketball State Championships featured another year of outstanding basketball. Dozens of champions were crowned and thousands of participants from teams across the state were able to see how they measured up against a competitive field. Congratulations and thank you to all players, coaches, referees, and fans.

A special thanks to tournament hosts who made it all possible. State tournament hosts included: Columbia Heights, Tom Greenhalgh; Hastings, Pete McGinnis; Buffalo, Tim Speckel; Monticello, Duane Gates; Roseville, Don Bowman. Another thanks to our Supervisors of Officials who provided our tournaments with qualified officials: Steve Fischer, Kelly Anlauf, Justin Finneman and Don Bowman.

Enjoy your summer season and we will see you in 2014! Questions and comments can be directed to Steve Ketter at steve@msf1.org.



2013 MSF STATE CHAMPIONS

Age/Class	Champion	Age/Class	Champion
Girls 4	Tri-City	Boys 5B	Champlin Park
Girls 5B	Tartan	Boys 5C	WBA Gold
Girls 5C	White Bear Orange	Boys 6A	Centennial
Girls 6A	Fairview Lady Cardinals	Boys 6B	Big Lake
Girls 6B	Cooper	Boys 6C	Urban Stars
Girls 7B	Urban Stars	Boys 7A	Shakopee Black
Girls 8A	Rosemount	Boys 7B	Buffalo Purple
Girls 8B	SUGAA Storm	Boys 7C	Apple Valley
Girls 8C	Glencoe-Silver Lake	Boys 8A	Urban Stars
Boys 4 Div. 1	Chanhassen Blue	Boys 8B	Big Lake
Boys 4 Div. 2	Stillwater White	Boys 8C	Woodbury White
Boys 5A	Shakopee		



Youth Basketball State Championships

GIRLS 4TH GRADE STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
TRI-CITY	SPRING LAKE PARK	COON RAPIDS	ST. JOSEPH'S

- Claire Springborn 14
- Bianca Benson 1
- CJ Bjerke 33
- Avery Bjerke 51
- Dasha Fruzyna 2
- Dora Kpara 12
- Elle Cotton 22
- Brynn Vollom 5
- Elsie Vollum 4

Tri-City is tops in 4th grade

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS — The 4th Grade Tri-City girls basketball team played a great weekend of basketball to win the 4th Grade MSF Girls State Tournament. The team went 4-0 on the weekend including a fourteen point victory over Spring Lake Park in the championship game.



TRI-CITY 29 SPRING LAKE PK 15



TARTAN 45 URBAN STARS 15

GIRLS 5TH GRADE DIVISION B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE (TIE)	THIRD PLACE (TIE)
TARTAN	URBAN STARS	STMA	WHITE BEAR LAKE

Tartan too tough at State

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS — Tartan went a perfect 5-0 en route to winning the 5B MSF State Championship. Tartan's offense was impressive averaging a tournament high 34.8 points per game. They capped off their weekend by putting up 45 points in the championship game.

- Krystin Adamson 12
- Milia Ahelegbe 11
- Claire Cater 5
- Ysareia Chevre 21
- Jada Lussier 10
- Paige Madsen 25
- Makayla Ross 14
- Jade Xiong 3

GIRLS 5TH GRADE DIVISION C STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE (TIE)	THIRD PLACE (TIE)
WHITE BEAR ORANGE	BIG LAKE	GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE	WATERTOWN

- Kayla Anderson 35
- Samantha Burket 5
- Autumn Grism 22
- Ella Janicki 23
- Mila Keller 34
- Lanie Padelford 1
- Tori Taugner 10
- Molly Trudgeon 3
- Catherine Wendland 24
- Gabrielle Zakrzewski 21

White Bear Orange finishes strong

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS — White Bear Orange played a very competitive tournament including two one-point games in pool play. After feeling tournament tested, White Bear Orange played its best on Sunday during bracket play. They knocked out Watertown in the semis then outlasted Big Lake in the championship game by a score of 26-19.



WB ORANGE 26 BIG LAKE 19



Youth Basketball State Championships

GIRLS 6TH GRADE DIVISION A STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
FAIRVIEW LADY CARDINALS	TRI-CITY	URBAN STARS	ST. FRANCIS



FAIRVIEW 32  **TRI-CITY 23**

- Dlayla Chakolis 23
- Shardeja Dickson 34
- Donnella Gardner 3
- Imani Jones 24
- Vanasia Livingston 22
- Alanna Smith 25
- Alexis Starr 44
- Destiny Vaughan 13
- Aja Wheeler 2
- Olivia Williams 12

Fairview Lady Cardinals win 6A title

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS — The Fairview Lady Cardinals got off to a fast start at the MSF Girls 6A State Tournament putting up 48 points in their opening game. After the scoring outburst in the first game, the Lady Cardinals turned to a stifling defense as they held their opponents to an average of 24 points per game en route to the tournament championship.



COOPER 42  **SHAKOPEE 35**

GIRLS 6TH GRADE DIVISION B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
COOPER	SHAKOPEE	HASTINGS	BUFFALO

Cooper claims championship

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS — The Cooper 6th grade girls team proved to be too much for their opponents during state tournament weekend. The Lady Hawks were dominant in pool play and continued their momentum into bracket play. Cooper knocked off Hastings in the semi-finals then pulled away from Shakopee in the championship game by a final score of 42-35.

- Lydia Niemann 40
- Arthel Massaquoi 33
- Kiera Short 22
- Sierra Lynch 24
- Ariael Hubbard 23
- Jasmine Osuji 4
- Danielle Charging 34
- Katelyn Lien 15
- Alexis Nance 21
- Anita Balira 5

GIRLS 7TH GRADE DIVISION B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
URBAN STARS	NORTH AREA	COOPER	BIG LAKE

Urban Stars win state

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS — The Urban Stars 7th grade girls team went a perfect 5-0 in the 7B Girls Basketball State Tournament. After a solid showing in pool play, Urban Stars positioned themselves well as the #1 seed out of Pool A. This led to a match-up with Big Lake in the semis. In what turned out to be one of the most exciting games of the tournament, Urban Stars edged Big Lake 30-29. The Urban Stars would go on to defeat North Area in the championship game.



URBAN STARS 57  **NORTH AREA 37**



Youth Basketball State Championships

GIRLS 8TH GRADE DIVISION A STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE (TIE)	THIRD PLACE (TIE)
ROSEMOUNT	BIG LAKE	URBAN STARS	ALEXANDRIA

- Katie Essen 2
- Alyssa Derby 13
- Carolynn Ariacks 10
- Maggie Moeller 1
- Nicole Elias 42
- Hailey Martinez 25
- Shannon Dawson 11
- Morgan Lawler 34
- Jenna Eichten 23

Rosemount charges back to claim title

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS — After dropping its first two pool games, Rosemount fought all the way back to win the 8A championship. Their third pool game was a big victory over St. Paul which was enough to have them advance the championship bracket. Their momentum continued into bracket play as they defeated Urban Stars in the semis and defeat Big Lake in the championship game.



ROSEMOUNT

BIG LAKE



SUGAA STORM

48

COOPER

41

GIRLS 8TH GRADE DIVISION B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE (TIE)	THIRD PLACE (TIE)
SUGAA STORM	COOPER	ST. PAUL	RIVER CITY

SUGAA Storm wins championship

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS — The SUGAA Storm 8th grade girls basketball team was led by a high power offense. The Storm averaged an impressive 42 points per game on the weekend. The Storm saved their best play for Sunday as they defeated St. Paul in the semifinals and outlasted Cooper in a high-scoring championship game thriller.

- DaNya Brown 4
- Taylor Moton 5
- Tanksi Tallbear 10
- Adaya Sandifer 11
- Zarea Richards 12
- Nativia Morgen 22
- Payton Frost 23
- KLynn Lewis 25

GIRLS 8TH GRADE DIVISION C STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE	SPRING LAKE PARK	URBAN STARS	ST. JOSEPH'S

- Samantha Miller 1
- Anna Mackenthum 2
- Bren Fox 3
- Lexi Hansch 5
- Abby Mackenthum 8
- Jayden Fritz 13
- Mary Wenisch 15
- Kali Grimm 45
- Kacie Miller 44
- McKenna Monahan 23

Glencoe-Silver Lake crowned champs

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS — The Glencoe-Silver Lake girls basketball team started off hot and only got better as the weekend went on. After a couple a pool play victories on Saturday, Glencoe-Silver Lake was the top seed in bracket play Sunday and they lived up to, if not exceeded expectations. They pulled off a pair of double digit victories to win the tournament.



GLENCOE-SL

44

SPRING LAKE PK 27



Youth Basketball State Championships

BOYS 4TH GRADE DIVISION I STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
CHANHASSEN BLUE	SHAKOPEE BLACK	DELAND	CHANHASSEN GOLD



CHAN BLUE 40  **SHAKOPEE BLACK 28**

- Eli Mau 2
- Ethan Ducklow 3
- Blake White 10
- Ben Giles 12
- Aidan McClellan 21
- Sam Fagan 22
- Cole Tiran 23
- Marcus Owens 32
- Bennett Roseth 52

Chanhassen Blue undefeated at state

BUFFALO — The Chanhassen Blue 4th grade boys team played great basketball throughout the state tournament weekend in Buffalo. The Storm was unbeaten in pool play and they continued their high level of play in the championship bracket. Chanhassen Blue faced off with Shakopee Black in the championship game whom they ended up pulling away from with a 40-28 victory.



SW WHITE 21  **BROOKLYN PARK 17**

BOYS 4TH GRADE DIVISION II STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
STILLWATER WHITE	BROOKLYN PARK	COTTAGE GROVE	STILLWATER RED

Stillwater White finishes on top

BUFFALO — Stillwater White played a number of close games in the 4th Grade Division II MSF State Tournament. The team became adept to closing out victories with tight finishes. The experience came in handy in the championship game where they edged Brooklyn Park by 4 points to finish the tournament on top.

- Sam Elletson 10
- Tyler Liljegren 12
- Austin Grau 14
- Cade Koenig 15
- Tyler Smith 23
- Erik Roetgger 25
- Noah Goodland 32
- Andrew Rontila 33
- Ethan Onken 40

BOYS 5TH GRADE DIVISION A STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
SHAKOPEE BLACK	BROOKLYN PARK	STMA	TARTAN

- Aaron Bosley 2
- Will Condes 33
- Allex Ege 24
- Charlie Katona 54
- Wilson Mack 15
- Caden Pottebaum 23
- Jack Schleper 32
- Jake Schmidt 14

Shakopee Black claims championship

HASTINGS — The Shakopee 5A boys basketball team opened the tournament with a quality three point victory over Brooklyn Park. Four wins later, Shakopee Black found themselves in the championship game in a rematch against the same team from Brooklyn Park. The game was every bit as exciting as the first one. Shakopee Black was able to hold off Brooklyn Park once again, this time it was a two point victory and a state championship.



SHAKOPEE BLACK 28  **BROOKLYN PARK 26**



Youth Basketball State Championships

BOYS 5TH GRADE DIVISION B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
CHAMPLIN PARK	ST. JOHN'S ROYALS	STILLWATER RED	APPLE VALLEY GOLD

- Noah Vogelpohl 20
- Tyler Hanson 1
- Blake Hardy 24
- Noah Lind 15
- Ricky Larsen 25
- Josh Worwa 14
- Ray Hanson 23
- Blake Bachand 10
- Rashard Scott 15
- Brock Johnson 12

Champlin Park finishes strong

HASTINGS — As the #1 seed, Champlin Park's pool play games were a little tougher than they would have liked. However, on Sunday they played their best and most disciplined basketball. In the championship game, St. John's used a zone defense which Champlin Park was able to hit some shots over including six 18 footers and one three pointer. Champlin Park is a tough team that plays hard and they were able to achieve their early season goal - win a state championship.



CHAMPLIN PARK 35 ST. JOHN'S 21



WBA GOLD 31 WOODBURY 22

BOYS 5TH GRADE DIVISION C STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
WBA GOLD	WOODBURY	BROOKLYN PARK	URBAN STARS

WBA Gold claims title

HASTINGS — WBA Gold (Waconia) won the Boys 5C MSF State Tournament. WBA Gold came out on fire putting up 35 points in their opening game. They never really cooled off as they went a perfect 5-0 on the weekend. WBA Gold faced perhaps their toughest test when they edged St. Joseph by two points in the quarterfinals. They would go on to win it all defeating Woodbury 31-22 in the championship game.

- Sam Deadrick 44
- Lance Groeneveld 43
- Ben Hissam 4
- Mitch Eveslage 20
- Jackson Doty 2
- Payton McGraw 22
- Max Kappel 15
- Kaden Reich 12
- Max Kalenberg 45
- Logan Gieske 21

BOYS 6TH GRADE DIVISION A STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
CENTENNIAL	STMA	IRONDALE	MONTICELLO

- Gabe Koenig 1
- Frank Matti 5
- Dylan Janinsky 30
- Jack Ewings 33
- Seth Obert 13
- Riley Van Buskirk 3
- Ricky Eason 10
- David Roddy 54
- Teddy Thorpe 42
- Matt Wyffels 45

Centennial claims championship

BUFFALO — Centennial dropped their opening round game to a very good Urban Stars team, but they were fought their way back in pool play and ultimately bracket play. After going 2-1 in pool play, Centennial earned their way into the championship bracket where they defeated Monticello in the semis and STMA in the championship by a final score of 56-45.



CENTENNIAL 56 STMA 45



Youth Basketball State Championships

BOYS 6TH GRADE DIVISION B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
BIG LAKE	CHANHASSEN	MAHTOMEDI	HOLY FAMILY

- Jake Ireland 24
- Chandler Flint 10
- Logan Nagorski 32
- Zach Nagorski 13
- Spencer Hinrichs 33
- Jake Zastrow 25
- Deon Harris 01
- DeVonne Harris 34
- Ben Busse 3
- Trey Teige 20

Big Lake comes up big at state

BUFFALO — After giving up 40 points and suffering a two point loss in its tournament opener to Holy Family, Big Lake turned to its “lock down” defense and reeled off five victories in a row. Big Lake gave up only 34 more points in pool play (two games). They also added some big offense in bracket play as they put up 57 and 54 points in the quarters and semis. Big Lake defeated Chanhassen 38-28 in the championship game.



BIG LAKE 38 **CHANHASSEN 28**



URBAN STARS 44 **PRIOR LAKE 30**

BOYS 6TH GRADE DIVISION C STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
URBAN STARS	PRIOR LAKE	APPLE VALLEY BROWN	SHAKOPEE WHITE

Urban Stars crowned champions

BUFFALO — The Urban Stars 6th grade boys basketball team went on an impressive run to win the MSF State Tournament. The team went undefeated on the weekend and scored over 40 points in four of their five games including their championship game victory where they defeated Prior Lake by a score of 44-30.

- Isaiah White
- Myles Stutz
- Zach Sennetz
- Isaac Reed
- Casey Peterson
- Henry Oberst
- Jayce Harlin
- Oliver Fuglestad
- Joey Erickson
- Brendan Burke
- Luke Barnes
- Dinero Ross

BOYS 7TH GRADE DIVISION A STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
SHAKOPEE BLACK	STILLWATER BLACK	BRAINERD	PARK CENTER

- Luke Budin 35
- Lincoln Cizek 10
- Cole Hagen 2
- Jordan King 44
- Addison Leininger 1
- Josh Meyer 11
- Garrett Mitchell 20
- Tony Monroe 31

Shakopee Black wins 7A State

MONTICELLO — Shakopee Black went 1-1 in pool play which earned them the #2 seed out of Pool B. They defeated the #1 overall seed Park Center in the semifinals which led to a rematch with Stillwater Black in the championship game. After losing to Stillwater in pool play, Shakopee made the most of their second chance as they pulled away for a 39-29 win.



SHAKOPEE BLACK 39 **SW BLACK 29**

BOYS 7TH GRADE DIVISION B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
BUFFALO PURPLE	APPLE VALLEY	URBAN STARS	WESTSIDE BOOSTERS

Buffalo Purple

MONTICELLO — The Buffalo Purple 7th grade boys team played a great weekend of basketball at the MSF State Tournament in Monticello. They were 6-0 and averaged an impressive 46 points per game including 61 points in the semifinals and a 48-38 victory over Apple Valley in the championship game.

- Jacob Anderson 2
- Charlie Bean 12
- Austin Coyle 21
- Trevor Dalbec 23
- Zach Eder 22
- Walker Haight 43
- Nick Immel 44
- Noah Nelson 0
- Adam Smith 42
- Calvin Wishart 32



BUFFALO PURPLE 48 **APPLE VALLEY 38**



Youth Basketball State Championships

BOYS 7TH GRADE DIVISION C STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
APPLE VALLEY	BUFFALO WHITE	MAHTOMEDI	WOODBURY WHITE

- Dylan Balfour 20
- Seth Miller 3
- Riley Hansen 33
- John Sullivan 4
- Blake Persell 25
- Josh Swanson 10
- Carter Smith 23
- Jackson Greene 40

Apple Valley wins championship

MONTICELLO — The Apple Valley 7C boys basketball team won the 7C Boys MSF State Tournament in Monticello. Apple Valley went unbeaten in pool play setting themselves up for a title run on Sunday. The Eagles knocked off Mahtomedi in the semis and completed their tournament victory with a 49-34 win over Buffalo White.



APPLE VALLEY 49  BUFFALO WHITE 34



URBAN STARS 51  MPLS SOUTHSIDE 41

BOYS 8TH GRADE DIVISION A STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
URBAN STARS	MPLS SOUTHSIDE	MOUNDS VIEW	STILLWATER RED

Urban Stars impressive at State

ROSEVILLE — The Urban Stars 8A boys basketball team proved to be too much for opponents to handle at the MSF State Tournament. Their offense was tough to contain as they averaged a tournament high 52 points per game. Perhaps their best overall game was the championship game where they defeated Minneapolis Southside by a final score of 51-41.

- Cortez Adams
- Aidan Berg
- Devin Blakey
- Sage Booker
- Marquis Holloman
- Timon Jones
- Marlon Pratt
- Tyler Washington
- Jaquan Sanders
- Will Watkins, Jr.
- Odell Wilson IV

BOYS 8TH GRADE DIVISION B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
BIG LAKE	BROOKLYN CENTER	CHAMPLIN PARK	ML KINGS

- Brady Bebeau 22
- Ewald Peterson 5
- Austin Miller 23
- Tanner Teige 2
- Garrett Anderson 25
- Zack Gesicki 15
- Nathan Sandtore 1
- Dylan Seifert 24
- Dallas Miller 14

Big Lake storms back to win it all

ROSEVILLE — Despite dropping their tournament opener, Big Lake came back and won their next five games in a row to win the MSF State Tournament. The championship game was an entertaining one. Big Lake defeated Brooklyn Center in thrilling fashion by a final score of 55-52.



BIG LAKE 55  BROOKLYN CTR 52



WOOBURY WHITE 56  CHAMPLIN PARK 42

BOYS 8TH GRADE DIVISION C STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
WOODBURY ROYALS	CHAMPLIN PARK	SHAKOPEE WHITE	CHANHASSEN

Woodbury Royals claim championship

ROSEVILLE — Woodbury White won the 8C Boys State Tournament held in Roseville. The Royals were a notch above the competition in pool play earning the #1 seed out of Pool B. They went on to defeat Shakopee White in the semifinals and Champlin Park in the championship game.

- Nolan Rogers 0
- Joseph Romain 2
- Caleb Venegas 13
- Tyler Plath 14
- Ryan Murphy 20
- Isaac Stauffacher 21
- Jackson Allen 23
- Adrian Schmalz 32
- Oscar Mulvaney 44

Sportsmanship more than anything is why I love high school sports

By Bob Eschliman, *Newton Daily News* | December 24, 2012

Once upon a time, I was the sports editor of a newspaper that covered five local high schools, as well as an assortment of area college and professional sports.

But I have to say my favorite part of the job was covering high school sports. For one thing, the kids are out there, hustling and giving it their all, not for a fat paycheck or the next endorsement deal nor, for most, even the hope of ever having one.

But more than that, I loved covering high school sports because whenever you thought you had “seen it all,” the kids would show you something new — something totally unexpected and at the same time extraordinary.

Friday morning, as I was waiting for the *Daily News* to start churning off the press, I happened upon a highlight video for one Zack Hodskins, a 6-2 junior point guard from Milton High School in Georgia. Word has it Alabama is already thinking about offering him a scholarship to play basketball for the Crimson Tide in two years’ time.

And, judging from the highlight reel put together by Zack’s AAU coaches, it’s not hard to understand why. He’s not only competing against some of the best recruits in the country, but schooling them every once in a while, too.

So what, right?

Well, if he’s given that scholarship, it will certainly be a “first” for NCAA Division I men’s basketball. You see, Zack was born minus about half of his left arm, from about the middle of his forearm to where the tips of his fingers should be.

That’s right. He plays the game of basketball with one hand. Not only does he play it, but he excels at it. Not quite to the Harrison Barnes level, but certainly good enough that he’d be a one-man wrecking crew against most of the cage squads in Iowa.

It reminded me in a way of another special basketball player I once watched back in my days as a sports editor.

Our “bread and butter” school’s freshman team was about to go undefeated on the season, so I went to its last home game to get photos for a feature story. My schedule for the evening was actually fairly empty, so I stuck around for the whole game.

And I’m really glad I did.

Among the players on that nearly undefeated team was a young man who had only known illness and long stays in hospitals for the majority of his life. As a result of his condition, he had steel rods inserted into his legs a couple years earlier, which meant he really couldn’t do the aggressive, hard-running, up-and-down rigors of competitive basketball.

But he wanted to play the game. So, he did. And happily sat on the bench through all of those games, only touching the ball in a game when it went hurtling out of bounds in his general direction.

Until that last game, that is.

With the game well in hand, he took the court for the final four minutes of the game. He touched the ball a total of eight times.

Almost immediately, he got a rebound under the basket and took a shot. He missed; the other team recovered and hustled back down the court.

He rebounded six more times and attempted six more shots. Each time, he missed. But on the seventh rebound, he tossed the ball up, and in a fashion only Hollywood could dream up, the ball rolled around the rim.

Once, twice, three times — and then it fell through. Judging from the cheers, you’d have thought the varsity team had just won the state title.

Afterward, as he was being congratulated by his teammates, the players from the other team came over. Not only did they congratulate him, but they gave him some hugs for good measure.

Sportsmanship. That’s what I love most about Iowa high school sports.

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Youth group treasurer arrested in \$25K theft

By Nick Ferraro, St. Paul Pioneer Press | March 21, 2013

The former treasurer of the West St. Paul Youth Athletic Association is accused of stealing more than \$25,000 from the group's bank account.

Amber Prah, 31, of West St. Paul was arrested and booked into the Dakota County Jail on suspicion of felony theft Thursday, March 21. She has not been charged.

Prah was fired from the volunteer position shortly after the theft was discovered this month, association President Brad Shepherd said Thursday. She had been treasurer for about a year and a half.

Prah has given the association a written confession to the theft, which is "in excess of \$25,000," Shepherd said.

"We feel sick about this," Shepherd said. "The positive, if there is one, is that we caught this now and not six months later ... when we'd be broke."

Prah was arrested Thursday at her place of employment, West St. Paul police Lt. Brian Sturgeon said. On March 1, an association board member discovered Prah had been using the group's debit card and writing checks for personal expenses out of its Anchor Bank account from April 15, 2012, until Feb. 28, Shepherd wrote in a letter sent last week to families and other members.

Prah used association money for monthly rent, car repairs, restaurants, hotels, groceries, clothing, travel and other personal expenses, Shepherd wrote.

"It is indeed unconscionable that a member of our community ... a fellow Board member, no less ... decided to steal from the kids and families in our community," Shepherd wrote.

Corrective measures have been put in place "to prevent this from ever happening again," Shepherd wrote.

"Although the amount is large, it is less than 5 percent of the operating revenue," he wrote.

The West St. Paul Youth Athletic Association provides baseball, soccer and football for about 725 kids ages 5 to 15 from West St. Paul, Mendota Heights and Sunfish Lake, Shepherd said. Sibley Area Youth Hockey pulled out from the athletic association last year.

Theft from youth groups is not rare.

Since December, two other local youth athletic associations had treasurers who admitted to siphoning funds.

On Dec. 17, a former District 2 treasurer of Minnesota Hockey pleaded guilty in federal court to embezzling more than \$384,000 from the association. Steven Brier, 55, of Oakdale is awaiting sentencing.

Also in December, the former treasurer of the Irondale Girls Fastpitch Association admitted he stole more than \$11,000 from the group during a two-year period that ended in October 2011. Matthew Alexander Baumann, 42, of New Brighton was sentenced to 230 hours of community service and five years' probation. He also was ordered to pay a \$400 fine.

Prah has a court appearance set for 4 p.m. Friday in Dakota County District Court.

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for the fun and health of it.***

Schools, coaches frustrated while soccer conundrum continues

By Mark Heller, East Valley Tribune | December 24, 2012

Here we go again? Club soccer vs. high school soccer?

That debate rages on in Arizona during the winter months, as it has for years. Those difficult dichotomies aren't imminent going to disappear, and that discussion could rage on for eternity.

It does, however, offer up another juxtaposition for kids — moreso on the boys side than the girls side, according to coaches — between playing for a top club team or even the Real Salt Lake academy in Casa Grande. The latter is a top-notch training and developmental academy for invitation-only kids as a means to enhance their skills and perhaps reach major college or national team abilities.

It's often the best thing a kid can do for themselves (whether youth, high school or college player). It's also left several East Valley high school teams in a lurch because they lose a top player or two from their school team. Or have to wait on kids to make decisions which often come down to the last minute before the season starts.

And they have to make a choice because it's Arizona Interscholastic Association rule violations to play high school and some other organized (club or RSL) for boys or girls at the same time. Meanwhile, the end of a fall club season and start of high school often collide, creating issues with kids being burned out, lacking free time or heeding schoolwork or overuse of their bodies which leads to injuries.

Many high school coaches also coach club outside the winter season, but even those who "double dip" are aware of the advantages to each side, even while high school-only coaches are sometimes left in a lurch with fluctuating rosters and uncertainty come November.

Mesa's boys team is off to a fast start this season after winning its own tournament last weekend, but Mesa could be even better if junior Luis Lopez had opted to play high school again. A top player for the Jackrabbits as a freshman, Lopez instead opted to play club as a sophomore and with RSL Academy this winter. In-part looking for a college of Lopez's choice, Jackrabbits coach T.J. Hagen said the hope is Lopez will find a college he wants to commit and then return to Mesa soccer for his senior year next season.

"Being selfish I wanted him playing for us, but knowing what will help him most is getting those other opportunities," Hagen said. "I don't think he would be any worse playing with us, but to get to the next level, maybe the RSL academy is where he needs to be."

Brophy standout Riggs Lennon didn't know if he'd play for his high school team or stay at RSL until the first week of the high school season. Much to the delight of coach Marc Kelly and possible chagrin of most opponents, opted to return to Brophy soccer for his senior season. Riggs' freshman brother, Brooks, opted to stay at RSL.

Jason Speirs played at Chaparral and in club soccer, but the Firebirds' coach lost several kids to club, especially sophomores and juniors whom Speirs believe are erroneously told their prospects for college scholarships mostly happens while playing club ball.

"A lot of club coaches have convinced parents that high school soccer is pointless and the players will not benefit from playing high school," he said. "I have had some great teams in the last eight years but it is extremely difficult to build a team when players come and go every year.

"The sense of pride and honor you get for playing for your school cannot be replicated by club soccer. In school, kids are also held accountable for their grades which of course does not happen at club level. I also believe high school soccer prepares players to handle college and college soccer better. College soccer is very fast and physical which is closer to high school soccer than club. I feel sorry for the kids who decide against high school soccer because they are missing out on a great experience."



Mesa's Andrew Christianson, left, challenges Mountain View's Ben Nelson for the ball during the Jackrabbit Invitational championship match Saturday. (Tim Hacker/Tribune)

In the minds of Matt Smith (Corona del Sol), Andy Barber (Red Mountain), Sasha Hunter (Chandler), Paul Schanaker (Valley Christian) and Chris Diana (Horizon), girls waffling between club and high school is not really an issue during the winter. High school soccer is here to stay, and there is no RSL equivalent for elite girls around these parts.

Perry girls coach Garald DeGrow noted one of his players made the team last year but opted not to play this season so she could get a better shot at being scouted from her club team. Basha girls coach Greg Johnson said one of his formerly better players (Austin Overson) is not playing high school this season in order to train with her club team. Cactus Shadows girls coach Jeff Vitorio said a girl was waffling about which to play and had not played with her club team during the first four games of the high school season. She wanted to join the Falcons two weeks into the season but was not allowed.

Those might be more exceptions than rule on the girls' side.

"One thing we have been able to do which has become a more popular move in many other 'lower-income' schools is to take players to less expensive youth leagues like (Arizona Youth Soccer Organization) that offer scholarships and are more flexible to give opportunities to these players to participate and get some experience besides school ball," Mesa girls coach Andy Clarke said. "It's not as good as some of the clubs where they are paying hundreds of dollars to play, but it is helping and is better than nothing."

It remains a thorn in the side of the boys teams. In the end, club and high school can (and have) co-existed fine during these couple of months, and it's up to kids and parents to decide which route to go from November through February. Yet whether you're on one side, the other, or even stuck in the middle, few recruiting stones go unturned these days, so you might as well have a blast in the process.

"Teenagers are impressionable and to hear adults (parents and coaches) close to them routinely suggest that school soccer coaching is somehow second rate may give them a less-than-complete picture of the reality in their particular school," said Tempe Prep girls coach Iain MacDonald, a former player through the U.S. and Europe whose daughter grew up playing in YMCA and high school circles.

"In the end, whether it's school or club, colleges will find them if they have the talent."



Youth Volleyball State Championships

25th Season of MSF Volleyball comes to a conclusion

The first of five state tournaments began in Austin, MN on March 9-10 (Quad State). Thank you to the excellent staff in Austin for your efforts and a well-run tournament.

The second state tournament was held at St. Cloud State University on March 16-17. The tournament crowned six champions over two days of action packed volleyball.

The third state tournament was held in Rochester on April 13-14 (Rochester State). This tournament is always a big draw as the facility is ideal for playing volleyball. A huge thanks to the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission and the National Volleyball Center for the great tournament and facility!

The Hutchinson State tournament was hosted by the Hutchinson Recreation Center on April 20-21. Thank you to

the staff at the Recreation Center for their hard work in putting on a great first class MSF event.

The May 4-5 tournament was held at Monticello High School. The tournament capped off another great season of MSF Volleyball with seven teams in seven age divisions play claiming championships in Monticello.

A big thank you to our tourney site managers: Val Pitzen, Austin; Ian Rootes, St. Cloud; Lena Perez, Rochester; Raquel Bushman, Hutchinson; and Noel Zinda, Monticello.

Thank you to all officials and hosts for providing your services throughout the season! And a special thank you to Tony Perez, Supervisor of Officials.



12-UNDER MARCH I STATE TOURNAMENT, AUSTIN

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
AUSTIN AREA	ALBERT LEA TIGERS



13-UNDER MARCH I STATE TOURNAMENT, AUSTIN

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
BLUE EARTH AREA	AUSTIN AREA



14-UNDER MARCH I STATE TOURNAMENT, AUSTIN

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
BLOOMING PRAIRIE BLACK	BLUE EARTH AREA



12-UNDER MARCH II STATE TOURNAMENT, ST. CLOUD

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
OSAKIS STARS	HIBBING



Youth Volleyball State Championships



13-UNDER MARCH II STATE TOURNAMENT, ST. CLOUD

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
BLUE EARTH AREA BUGS	HOLDINGFORD HEAT



14-UNDER MARCH II STATE TOURNAMENT, ST. CLOUD

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
WADENA/DEER CREEK	HOLDINGFORD HEAT



15-UNDER MARCH II STATE TOURNAMENT, ST. CLOUD

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
SLAMMERS SS, AVON	SOUTHERN STARS, FAIRMONT



16-UNDER MARCH II STATE TOURNAMENT, ST. CLOUD

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
SWANVILLE PANTHERS	UNDERWOOD SLAMMERS



17-UNDER MARCH II STATE TOURNAMENT, ST. CLOUD

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
MORA BLUE DEVILS	WADENA/DEER CREEK



12-UNDER APRIL I STATE TOURNAMENT, ROCHESTER

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
HAYFIELD SUNDGOS II	BEA BUGS



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13-UNDER APRIL I STATE TOURNAMENT, ROCHESTER

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
AUSTIN AREA	BLOOMING PRAIRIE BLOSSOMS



14-UNDER APRIL I STATE TOURNAMENT, ROCHESTER

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
G-FORCE	MOUNDS VIEW JR.S.



15-UNDER APRIL I STATE TOURNAMENT, ROCHESTER

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
CLARKS GROVE TIGERS RED	SVC



17-UNDER APRIL I STATE TOURNAMENT, ROCHESTER

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
DETROIT LAKES WAVES	CLARKS GROVE TIGERS BLUE



18-UNDER APRIL I STATE TOURNAMENT, ROCHESTER

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
FALCON FIRE	AUSTIN AREA



12-UNDER APRIL II STATE TOURNAMENT, HUTCHINSON

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
SAUK CENTRE	SHARP SLAMMERS



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13-UNDER APRIL II STATE TOURNAMENT, HUTCHINSON

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
BEA BUGS	AVON SLAMMERS—AB



14-UNDER APRIL II STATE TOURNAMENT, HUTCHINSON

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
BEA BUGS	AVON SLAMMERS - NS



15-UNDER APRIL II STATE TOURNAMENT, HUTCHINSON

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
OSAKIS STARZ	AVON SLAMMERS - SS



16-UNDER APRIL II STATE TOURNAMENT, HUTCHINSON

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
UNDERWOOD SLAMMERS	SWANVILLE PANTHERS



17-UNDER APRIL II STATE TOURNAMENT, HUTCHINSON

CHAMPION
ST. ANTHONY HUSKIES



12-UNDER MAY STATE TOURNAMENT, MONTICELLO

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
BATTLE CREEK, ST. PAUL	SLAMMERS - JV, AVON



Youth Volleyball State Championships



13-UNDER MAY STATE TOURNAMENT, MONTICELLO	
CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
SUNDOGS II, HAYFIELD	HOLDINGFORD HEAT



14-UNDER MAY STATE TOURNAMENT, MONTICELLO	
CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
BATTLE CREEK, ST. PAUL	DETROIT LAKES WAVES RED



15-UNDER MAY STATE TOURNAMENT, MONTICELLO	
CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
SUNDOGS, HAYFIELD	WOODBURY JR'S



16-UNDER MAY STATE TOURNAMENT, MONTICELLO	
CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
UNDERWOOD SLAMMERS	SWANVILLE PANTHERS



17-UNDER MAY STATE TOURNAMENT, MONTICELLO	
CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
ST. ANTHONY HUSKIES	SWANVILLE PANTHERS



18-UNDER MAY STATE TOURNAMENT, MONTICELLO	
CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
MOUNDS VIEW	MELROSE



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WOMEN'S CLASS AA STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
HEARTLAND, ST. CLOUD	THOSE GIRLS, ST. CLOUD	SLAMMERS, ALEXANDRIA	BARRETT FARMS, FARIBAULT

Anna Donlan	Kayla Tschida	Leah Murten
Shayna Foote	Jenny Dingmann	Samantha Revering
Angie Hartwig	Heather Feldeward	Nikki Rieland
Elisabeth Ruby	Lisa Klein	

WOMEN'S CLASS A STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
LEAP FROGS, HUTCHINSON	ACES, HUTCHINSON	TEAM HART, DULUTH	MIGHTY DRAGONS PRESCHOOL, HUTCHINSON

Ann Kosel	Alicia Polzin
Jessica Henke	Kelly Beckstrand
Alisha Kruggel	Angie Dietel
Amanda Kaping	Crystal Moore



WOMEN'S CLASS BB STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
PRIMARY EYE CARE, HUTCHINSON	SERVES U RIGHT, HUTCHINSON	BASHER'S NORTH, FARIBAULT	HOFMANN TRANSMISSION, PAYNESVILLE

Cathy Martinez	Erin Daak
Amber Larson	Ashley Schmeling
Andrea Opland	Emily Schmeling
Michelle Kleist	



WOMEN'S CLASS CC STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
ACES, ST. CLOUD	WILD ONES, SAUK CENTRE	UNCLE MONY'S, AUSTIN	BRADSHAW & BRYANT, ST. CLOUD

Kristina Tykwinski	Cassandra Smith
Chrissy Van Stooder	Amanda Kolasa
Toni Frey	Amanda Palmer
Shonla Thorp	Megan Wee





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MEN'S CLASS AA STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
DUCKS, ST. CLOUD	RAPID RICK'S ORIGINAL, NUIVBA	ALPINE CABINETRY/BNH CONST., ST. CLOUD	FEDERATED INS./BEDNAR MORTGAGE, FARIBAULT

Brian Hartwig
Travis Rau
Todd Pieper
Brian Dingmann

Ross Reiffenberger
Nick Prozinski
Brian Klein
Tom Odette

MEN'S CLASS BB STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
WICZEK'S FLOORS & MORE, LITTLE FALLS	TOTAL GLASS, NUIVBA	BIG DOG, NUIVBA	GRIZZLY'S, WILLMAR

Jeremy Doroff
Matthew Otremba
Keith Hoppke
Matthew Peterschick

Shannon Givost
Joseph Masog
David Primus

Paul Roach
Josh Burgardt
Anthony Valesano

Eric Bell
Josh Flavin
Michael Strack



MEN'S CLASS B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
BOB MEYER CONST., NUIVBA	DO YOU KASASA, NUIVBA	VOLKMAN ELECTRIC, FARIBAULT	JOHN'S APPLIANCE & A/C SERVICE, OWATONNA

Steve Baker
Tim Weston
Terry Weston
Beau Korteum

Nate Page
Bob Meyer
Brent Brown

CO-REC CLASS AA STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
SNAP IT, EDEN PRAIRIE	CONTACT HIGH, NEW ULM

Aaron Lange
Renee Lange
Greg Heilman
Pete Matthias

Laura Gintant
Amy Murphy
Kevin Spintl
Jess Roll





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CO-REC CLASS BB STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
ULTIMATE SPORTS, ST. CLOUD	HAUG IMPLANT, HUTCHINSON	KRAMER TRUCKING, COLD SPRING/ROGORI	PSW, HUTCHINSON

Melissa Gaulrapp	Dean Croat	Kristy Husen
Kelly Doss	Sadie Bendson	Jamie Hulls
Timothy Heyer	Kyle Gregory	Chad Dingmann
Greg Heinen	Randy Berg	

CO-REC CLASS B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
SPORTSMAN'S, LITTLE FALLS	ANFINSON THOMPSON, WILLMAR	BLACK SHEEP, LITTLE FALLS	THE BEND, AUSTIN

Jordan Hageman	Kayla Fincki	Chris Benjamin	Samantha Kerr
Clayton Hageman	Kristina Pasalich	Nikki Benjamin	Laura Noska
Thomas Hinrichs	Derek Ludwig	Joanna Huezda	Nikki Dykhoff
Ashley Noska	Alicia M.	Katie Brown	Kyle Dykhoff



CO-REC CLASS CC STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
SUDDEN IMPACT, ROSEVILLE	CLAREMONT AGENCY, OWATONNA	DAWN'S CORNER BAR, NORTHFIELD	SAND LAKE DAIRY, SAUK CENTRE

Mark Emme	Dana Grethen
Alex Miller	Cecilia Clark
Jennifer Miller	Bill Herzog



CO-REC CLASS C STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
CPS, SAUK CENTRE	WE ALWAYS GET IT UP, NEW ULM	OLD CAPITAL, ST. CLOUD	SRVFFW, ST. CLOUD

Jason Brommenshenkel	Brianna Trattles	Danny Klaphake
Bethany Berscheit	Krista Senesae	Eric Zorbes
Joe Berding	Leanna Davis	Mark Klaphake
Alexis Berscheit		





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WOMEN'S MASTERS CLASS A STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
HOT MESS, FOREST LAKE	MIGHTY DRAGONS PRESCHOOL, LITCHFIELD	ALL JACKED UP, MAPLE LAKE	THOLE DENTAL, ST. CLOUD

Allison Kiel
 Sheri Kohler
 Michelle Masters

Zea Zimmerman
 Tammi Olson
 Emily Wenner

WOMEN'S MASTERS CLASS B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
NEWSROOM, SHAKOPEE	JUMP, DIVE & WAIL, ROSEVILLE	SCHLEPSTERS, CHAMPLIN	LADIES WITH ASSETS, ROCKFORD

Dawn Temp
 Chris Sevels
 Deb Bachman

Mel Gustafson
 Kris Bethke
 Kathy Titton



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CO-REC CLASS A STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
REVEL'S REPAIR, MINNEAPOLIS	LUCID, BLAINE

Lynn Skaffe	Jen Legro	Sean Gibbons	Mike Madetzke
Ann Miller	Sarah Holbrook	Casey Gibbons	Tom Macullus
Jen Revels	Joe Landano	Jeremy McJunken	Jason Revels
Julie Buzicky	Chris Gatti	Chad Edenborg	Andy Booty

CO-REC CLASS B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
SOUTHDALE YMCA, BLOOMINGTON	PARK LIQUOR, GOLDEN VALLEY

Robert Couillard	Brian Hyatt	Jon Spry
Megan Clapp	Tara Hyatt	Brent Hanus
Justin Pitt	Nick Konen	Kim Hanlon
Corey Echelburger	Kristin Reither	Meghan Chandler
Jessica Nelson	Christie Dalenger	



CO-REC CLASS C STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
COLD CHALUPAS, ROCHESTER	GADABOUTS, ST. LOUIS PARK

Jeff Claude	Nate Rabe	Chelsee McLaughlan	Michelle Frey
Adam Stallman	Walter Kennebeck	Justin Mackey	Jacob Chapman
Jessie Smith	Elizabeth Ketchum	Sean Brownlow	Cindy Wisted
Ryan Cradick	Rachel McLaughlan	Sharon Su	Liz Towery
Tricia Saponari			

MEN'S CLASS A STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
FURIOUS, AUGSBURG	GEEZ, BLAINE	AREA 51, BLOOMINGTON	BARRIE'S, AUGSBURG

Andy Dubel	Eriz Heizman	Mike Blommel	Scott Tempest
Bud Brueggemann	Eric Leffler	Patrick Sherman	Chris Knutson
Chris Corless	Joe Thell	Ross Substad	Ryan Adrian
Dave Toering	Matt Swords	Ryan Kofula	Mike Madetzke





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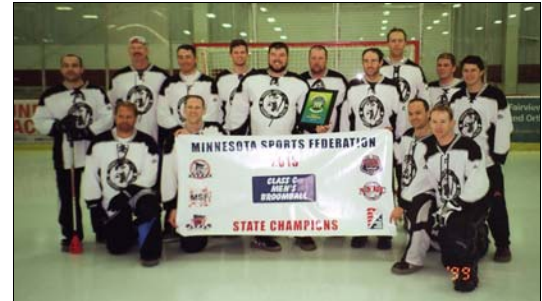
MEN'S CLASS B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
SUPERIOR MACHINE, DULUTH	BUD'S BAR, COLD SPRING	REEPERS, BLAINE	BEAVER ROOFING, DULUTH

Terry Luukkonen	Jon Seitz	Brent Hallback	Jon Bushey
Jason Ziells	Andy Krause	Ed Spence	Jeff Denesen
Tony Moen	Shawn Bartlete	Kevin Denesen	Eric O'Hara
Braden Ward	Alex Bastien		

MEN'S CLASS C STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
WHISKEY STICKS, ROCHESTER	SLOPPY WAFFLES, ROCHESTER	WRANGLERS, MINNEAPOLIS	BOOMSTYX, AUGSBURG



Michael Burman	Justin Mackey	Mike Vaura	Todd Herman
Adam Stallman	Kelvin Kleber	Nick Meeker	Wayd Wanger
Ben Dolphin	Matt Graff	Ryan Smyrk	Jason Johnson
Eric Mackey	Mike Vance	Sean Brownlow	Nate Elling
Jesse Smith			



MEN'S CLASS D STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
STICKS & STONES, BLOOMINGTON	GARBAGE GOALS, ST. PAUL	MUSKRATS, BLAINE	ANGRY BEAVERS, BLOOMINGTON

John Each	Nick Johnson	Justin Pille	Joe Gaston
Mark Woell	Pat DeLaltunt	Mike Woell	Nate Loughlin
Joe Beckman	Dan Bresnan	Jamie Burnett	Tony Schmidt
Troy Beckman			

WOMEN'S CLASS A STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
BLACK ICE, AUGSBURG	TRACY'S SALOON, AUGSBURG	SUPERIOR MACHINE, DULUTH	STORM, MINNEAPOLIS



Renda Baird	Ashlie Nielsen	Kathy Douglas	Tracy Call
Anna Gambos	Dana Effertz	Karissa Vilks	Tracy Lund
April Young	Jodi Walfort	Kelly Weinhold	Sara Follmer
Ashlan Lambert	Julie Buzicky	Kim Niederluecke	



WOMEN'S CLASS B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	
BEAVER ROOFING, DULUTH	FROZEN ASSETS, AUGSBURG	CARMODY IRISH PUB, DULUTH	SWEATER WEATHER, MINNEAPOLIS

Colleen Schmidt	Megan Holdscaw	Becky Carlson
Amanda Maruca	Lisa Chester-Womorth	Christin Weir
Theresa Williams	Teagan Cassan	Julia Bachand
Shannon McCafferty	Allie Pullar	

Teams vie for state broomball titles in Blaine

March 20, 2013

By **Rebecca Curtis**

Murphy News Service

University of Minnesota School of Journalism and Mass Communication

Blaine's Schwan Super Rink hosted 46 men's and women's teams March 10 that battled to state championship titles in six divisions.

Teams qualify for the Minnesota State Championship tournament based on their participation and finishing position in league play, and this year, 36 men's teams, divisions A, B, C, and D, and 10 women's teams, divisions A and B, participated.

Spectators were treated to three days of sprawling, sliding bodies and ferocious, high-speed shots that reflect how seriously Minnesota takes the sport. The tournament was a preview to this year's national tournaments, which will be in Oxford Ohio on March 22-24 for men's teams, and at the Augsburg Ice Arena in Minneapolis on April 13-14 for women.

"USA Broomball was formed in 1999 and has held 11 out of its 15 National Championships in Minnesota, the hot-bed of broomball," said USA Broomball President Kevin Denesen.

While fiercely competitive, the players are a close-knit group by virtue of playing on various teams and in different leagues throughout the regular season.

"I've played broomball for 12 years and played eight years of tournaments, averaging two to three per year," said T.J. Haliburton, 34, of Champlin, who is a defenseman and manager of a team called "Mel's Boys," which lost its third game of the tournament in double overtime. "This is a fun sport and I really enjoy the social aspect."

"The competition is my favorite," said Renda Baird, 44, of Edina, adding that she was "over the moon relieved [and] proud" that her team, called "Black Ice" won the championship in the Women's Class A Division. "Lots of women are longing to play a competitive team sport. Broomball is a great one."

The Minnesota Sports Federation has been providing post-season broomball tournaments since 1982, according to the Minnesota Sports Federation. The game quickly evolved from a backyard sport a few decades earlier, when teams played with real brooms and deflated volleyballs. Today, players use expensive sticks made of titanium or other material and special shoes for traction.



Some 46 men's and women's broomball teams competed March 8-10 in the state championship in Blaine.

USA Broomball National Tournament Director Dave St. Aubin said the tournament went smoothly, despite it being the first time that all of the men's and women's divisions participated in the same building on the same weekend.

The Schwan Super Rink hosted 69 teams for nationals in 2010, an indoor world record, St. Aubin said. The first nationals tournament in 1999 had 19 teams. St. Aubin said he expects the national tournament to be back in Blaine next year, and he expects a big turnout of teams.

But this year's state champs were celebrating this year's success rather than looking to next year. "It's a wonderful feeling to win the championship game for a state title," said Terry Luukkonen of Duluth, defenseman and manager for "Superior Machine," which won the state title in the B Division. "The game was a close contest and you go from an anxious, nervous feeling to elation once the buzzer sounds."

State Champions – Men's Divisions:

Class A: Furious, Class B: Superior Machine, Class C: Whisky Sticks, and Class D: Sticks and Stones

State Champions – Women's Divisions:

Class A: Black Ice, Class B: Beaver Roofing



USA Broomball National Championships

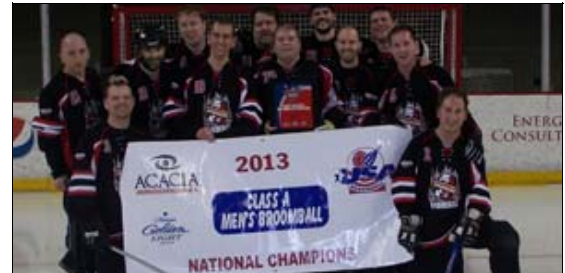
National Broomball Tournament Returns to Ohio

USA Broomball hosted the 15th Annual USA Broomball National Championships March 22-24 in Oxford, Ohio. This was the second time the tournament has been hosted in Ohio. The last time was in 2006 when 21 teams participated in the tournament. This year 33 teams competed in men's, co-rec and collegiate divisions.

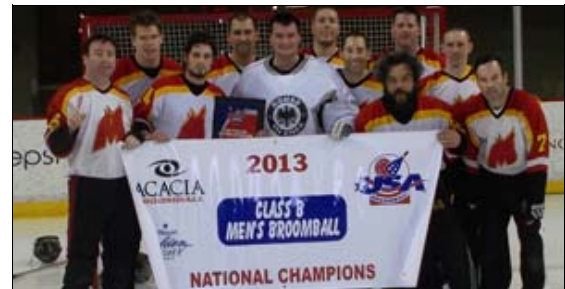
Some of the top teams in the United States competed at the tournament, most of whom hail from Minnesota, the hotbed of broomball in this country. Furious beat Barries Tavern to claim the nation's top honor as Men's Class A champions. The Bombers (OH) and Nomadic Horde (DC) were the first teams outside Minnesota to compete at the Class A level. In the Men's B division, Flames beat Superior Machine. Baltimore Broomball Club beat Carolina Crushers in the Men's Class C division. Rounding out the men's tournament was the DC Legislators beating the Dancing Goats of Pennsylvania for the Men's Class D title. Hometown team Miami University claimed the Collegiate crown from the 2012 reigning champs, Bethel University. Finally, in the Co-rec division Lucid beat Revel's Repair for the Class A/B title and DC Bi-Partisans beat Tug Toners in the Co-rec C/D.

The 2014 National Championships will be held at Schwan Super Rink in Blaine, Minnesota. Registration information will be posted on usabroomball.com in early fall 2013.

A special thanks goes out to Jeff Downs, John Mihalik, Kevin Ackley and the staff in Oxford for all their hard work in making this one of the best Nationals yet. Thank you to all the teams that traveled to Ohio to compete in this tournament and congratulations to all the championship teams.



Class A Men's Broomball
Champions: Furious - Minneapolis, MN
Runner-up: Barries Tavern, MN/NY



Class B Men's Broomball
Champions: Flames - Minneapolis, MN
Runner-up: Superior Machine - Duluth, MN



Class C Men's Broomball
Champions: Baltimore Broomball Club - Baltimore, MD
Runner-up: Carolina Crushers - NC/SC



Class A/B Co-Rec Broomball
Champions: Lucid - Minneapolis, MN
Runner-up: Revel's Repair - Minneapolis, MN



Class D Men's Broomball
Champions: DC Legislators - Washington, DC
Runner-up: Dancing Goats - Pittsburgh, PA



Class C/D Co-Rec Broomball
Champions: Bi-partisans - Washington, DC
Runner-up: Tug Toners - NE/MA/RI



Collegiate Men's Broomball
Champions: Miami University - Oxford, OH
Runner-up: Bethel University - St. Paul, MN

Broomball brings money and a championship

By Eric Schwartzman, Hamilton Journal News | March 24, 2013

OXFORD — A sporting competition this weekend brought hundreds of thousands of dollars to Butler County's economy and triumph to Miami University.

The 2013 USA Broomball National Championships at Goggin Ice Center culminated Sunday with a national championship when MU scored five unanswered points against Bethel University.



Miami broomballer Taylor Spaeth, from Mason, controls the puck against Bethel University during the 2013 USA Broomball National Championships at Goggin Ice Center in Oxford Sunday, March 24, 2013. PHOTO BY E.L. HUBBARD

The win was a particularly sweet for Miami, which beat Ohio State University and the University of Nebraska before falling to Bethel on Saturday in the prelude to Sunday's championship game.

"I think it was really great that we have a crowd here who can support us as the home team," said Miami student and Talawanda grad Caitlin Carlin as she exited the ice moments after the victory. "We lost to this team yesterday, so it's great to come and beat them with a shutout today."

The championship drew more than 1,000 people to Butler County, about 500 of them participants on 33 collegiate, co-recreational and men's teams from Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Washington, D.C., and elsewhere, according to John Mihalik, assistant director of programming for Goggin Ice Center.

Launched in 1999 and typically held in Minnesota, the championship event was Ohio's second. Cleveland suburb Westlake hosted in 2006.

The tournament was projected to have generated about \$425,000 in dining, lodging and other tourist-related activity, according to Jason Williams, senior sales manager for sports and events at the Butler County Visitors Bureau.



Miami broomballer Andrew Anzano, from Oxford, slides across the ice on his knees while moving the puck. Sunday, March 24, 2013. PHOTO BY E.L. HUBBARD

MU boasts more than 100 intramural teams, while Cincinnati Broomball Association has more than 300 players and Dayton Broomball Association has an outdoor league of 18 teams, according to Jeff Downs, a Miami University alumnus and DBA's president. In addition, Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind., both have teams and OSU started a program in 2011.

"There's a pretty big presence in the region," Downs said. "A lot of it is because the students play here at Miami intramurals and then go out and continue playing after school."

Downs worked with USA Broomball, the Goggin Ice Center and a local committee to bring the championship to the region.

"They really recognized the good job that we've done with the broomball organizations ... so they wanted us to be able to host it here," said Downs.

George and Jody Spaeth of Mason said it was great to be able to root for the Miami team, which includes their son, Taylor, a freshman, without having to drive very far.



Miami broomballer Dan Morris, from Fairfield, moves the puck. Sunday, March 24, 2013. PHOTO BY E.L. HUBBARD

"You don't realize what a big deal it is until you see all the parents and all the schools come from all over," George Spaeth said. "This was just broomball to us and now it's a national championship."

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>COST</u>
Friday, August 9	Houston Texans	\$60 each
Thursday, August 29	Tennessee Titans	\$60 each
Sunday, September 22	Cleveland Browns	\$99 each
Sunday, October 13	Carolina Panthers	\$99 each
Sunday, October 27	Green Bay Packers	\$200 each/offer (<i>sold</i>)
Thursday, November 7	Washington Redskins	\$99 each (<i>sold</i>)
Sunday, December 1	Chicago Bears	\$150 each/offer
Sunday, December 15	Philadelphia Eagles	\$99 each
Sunday, December 29	Detroit Lions	\$99 each (<i>sold</i>)

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Men's Basketball State Championships

MEN'S BASKETBALL CLASS B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	CO-THIRD PLACE
FENSTRA INSURANCE, WILLMAR	MAIN ST. TAVERN, FOSSTON	WAKEFIELD PORK, MANKATO	PIGGLY WIGGLIES, EAGAN

Travis Jones
Tim Madson
Trevor Wittwer
Cory Laugen

Steve Strom
Ryan Collins
Tim Gilbert



FENSTRA 83  MAIN ST. TAVERN 43



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MEN'S BASKETBALL CLASS C STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
BROWER CONSTRUCTION, WILLMAR	AUM, WILLMAR	RICH PRAIRIE LIVESTOCK, PIERZ	HJERPE CONSTRUCTION, HUTCHINSON

Michael Brower
Justin Brower
Brent Frikken

Adam Schumacher
Jonas Grossman
Goose Hadley

Eric Greene
Kevin Kuefler
Chris Tengwall

MEN'S BASKETBALL CLASS D STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CO-THIRD PLACE	CO-THIRD PLACE
THIELEN BUS/VFW, REDWOOD FALLS	HARVEST LAND, SLEEPY EYE	HINCKLEY, ISLE	F&M STATE BANK, SLEEPY EYE

Chad Mulder
Dan Hup
Dave Krenz
Jim Dumdei

Joe Epple
Matt Huhnerkoch
Rusty Allison
Tim Prah



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Thank you for your consideration.

2013-2014 CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Board Meeting Dates and Sites

Thursday, October 24
6:30PM
Site TBD

Thursday, December 12
6:30PM
Site TBD

Thursday, May 22
6:30PM
Site TBD



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Date
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Site
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